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Report Highlights:

FAS/Nairobi CY 03/04 short rain corn production estimates is 500,000 metric tons, in line with average production figures. Estimated total production for the period is 2.5 million metric tons.

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Based on recent travel through a portion of East Province, FAS/Nairobi forecasts an average corn crop for the Kenyan short rains for 2003/2004. The short rains typically represent only about 15 percent of crop year production, with the production localized in semi-arid Eastern Province and Nyanza Province, averaging about 40 and 30 percent respectively of total short rain corn production.

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| PSD Table | | | | | | |
| Country | Kenya | | | | | |
| Commodity | Corn | | | | (1000 HA)(1000 MT) | |
| | 2002 | Revised | 2003 | Estimate | 2004 | Forecast |
| | USDA Official [Old] | Post Estimate [New] | USDA Official [Old] | Post Estimate [New] | USDA Official [Old] | Post Estimate [New] |
| Market Year Begin | | 07/2002 | | 07/2003 | | 07/2004 |
| Area Harvested | 1500 | 1690 | 1500 | 1500 | 0 | 1600 |
| Beginning Stocks | 135 | 490 | 65 | 202 | 65 | 202 |
| Production | 2430 | 2792 | 2300 | 2500 | 0 | 2700 |
| TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports | 200 | 150 | 200 | 400 | 0 | 300 |
| Oct-Sep Imports | 200 | 150 | 200 | 400 | 0 | 300 |
| Oct-Sep Import U.S. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL SUPPLY | 2765 | 3432 | 2565 | 3102 | 65 | 3202 |
| TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports | 0 | 250 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oct-Sep Exports | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Feed Dom. Consumption | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 50 |
| TOTAL Dom. Consumption | 2700 | 2980 | 2500 | 2900 | 0 | 2950 |
| Ending Stocks | 65 | 202 | 65 | 202 | 0 | 252 |
| TOTAL DISTRIBUTION | 2765 | 3432 | 2565 | 3102 | 0 | 3202 |

Travel through Machakos, Kitui and north toward Thika-Garissa Road the week of November 3 found planting of corn and beans general, estimated at about 70 percent in Machakos to about 40 percent in the more northerly areas. Soil moisture was adequate, averaging 6 inches. Corn and beans were emerging in about 30 percent of the planted fields, and had reached first weeding stage in fields near Kitui. Continued corn development will require rain especially at flowering time.

FAS/Nairobi CY 03/04 short rain corn production estimate is 500,000 metric tons, in line with average production figures. Estimated total production for the period is 2.5 million metric tons. Additional field travel in December will help to firm up this forecast.